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SUBJECT: NORWEGIANS REQUEST US PARTICIPATION IN JUNE AIR
POLLUTION CONFERENCE

REF: (A) OSLO 876 (B) 74 OSLO 5376 (C) 12 NOV 75 DIP NOTE.

1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL A, US HAS IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING
EXPERT TO MAKE PRINCIPAL PRESENTATION ON HEALTH EFFECTS AT
JUNE 14-19 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN OSLO ON ACID PRECIP-
ITATION.

DR. JOHN KNELSON, DIRECTOR, HEALTH EFFECTS RESEARCH LABO-
RATORY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), RESEARCH
TRIANGLE PARK, NORTH CAROLINA 27711.

2. BECAUSE OF A POSSIBLE CONFLICT IN DR. KNELSON'S JUNE
SCHEDULE, WE WISH TO DESIGNATE AS ALTERNATE: DR. DAVID
COFFIN, SENIOR SCIENTIST AT HEALTH EFFECTS RESEARCH LABORA-
TORY, EPA, RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NORTH CAROLINA 27711.

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3. PARTICIPATION BY KNELSON OR COFFIN MUST BE CONTINGENT

UPON FUNDING OF TRAVEL AND LIVING COSTS BY GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY DUE TO CURRENT EPA FOREIGN TRAVEL CONSTRAINTS.

4. NORWAY ENVIRONMENT MINISTER LYKKE SHOULD BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH DR. KNELSON RE SPECIFICS OF HIS PARTICIPATION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO CONTENT, LENGTH, TIMING OF ANY WRITTEN PRESENTATION, ETC.

5. REQUEST CLARIFICATION FROM EMBASSY REGARDING TOTAL SCOPE OF CONFERENCE AND US PARTICIPATION. DIPLOMATIC NOTE (REF C) REFERRED TO A CONFERENCE ON QUOTE EFFECTS OF ACID PRECIPITATION UNQUOTE, AND DEFINED SCOPE AS INCLUDING SULFUR DIOXIDE EMISSION EFFECTS ON MATERIALS, CLIMATE AND HUMAN HEALTH. FURTHER, THE USG WAS INVITED TO NOMINATE QUOTE SCIENTISTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN APPROPRIATE FIELDS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE UNQUOTE, AND REQUESTED QUOTE EACH COUNTRY BE REPRESENTED BY 1-3 EXPERTS UNQUOTE. DEPARTMENT SUBSEQUENTLY PROCEEDED TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE US PARTICIPANTS ON BASIS OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE. REFTEL A, HOWEVER, NOW REFERS TO QUOTE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH EFFECTS OF ACID PRECIPITATION UNQUOTE, A MUCH MORE RESTRICTED FOCUS, AND REQUESTS ONE US HEALTH EFFECTS EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE. DEPARTMENT CONSEQUENTLY UNCLEAR WHETHER DR. KNELSON EXPECTED TO BE SOLE US REPRESENTATIVE AT NARROWLY-FOCUSED HUMAN HEALTH EFFECTS MEETING, OR WHETHER IT EXPECTED THAT OTHER U.S. TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION SINCE SEVERAL US EXPERTS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF ACID PRECIPITATION EFFECTS HAVE INDICATED INTEREST. INGERSOLL

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